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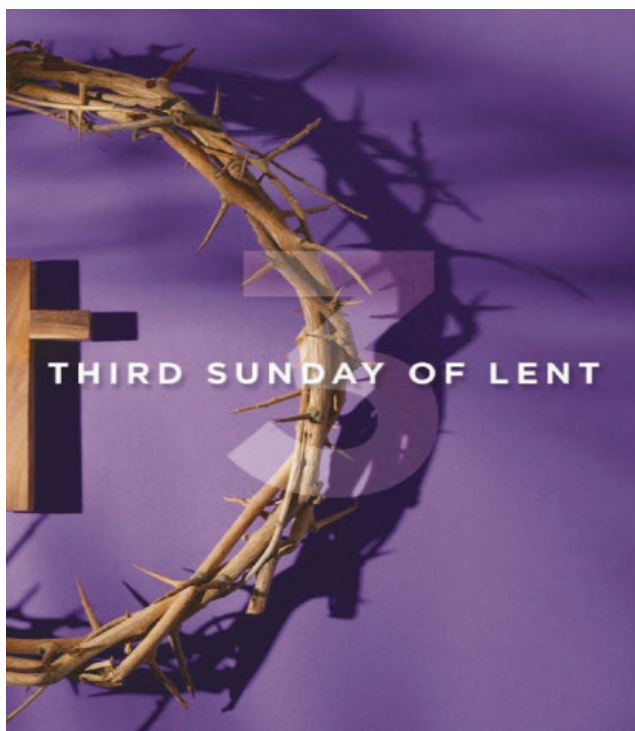
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Parish Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Community, St. Mary Magdalene is a community of Christians who profess and share a common, loving faith in Jesus Christ and are nourished through prayer and activity, especially the Eucharist, and are inspired by the Spirit who calls each of us to use our gifts in the midst of our neighborhoods and throughout the world.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025



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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 4:30 pm &

Sunday | 8:00 am & 11:00 am

DAILY MASS|CHAPEL HOURS

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. | 9:00 am
Chapel Hours|8:30 am ~ 9:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:15-4:00 pm
In Church Confessional

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday

8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm

Closed Friday &

Saturday

Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~

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12:00 to 1:00

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, March 24, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Frank & Celine Burger

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am....Joyce Russo

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am.....Leonard Vovko

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, March 28, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Tom Busher

9:30 am...Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm....Maximilian & Lillian Roda

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....Tom & Fran Rock

Deceased Members of the Rock Family

11:00.....Tibor Lorik (Anniv.)

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2025

Sun.: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Mon.: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tues.: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Wed.: Dr 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thur.: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Fri.: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Sat.: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

FROM FR. STEVE....

Happy Third Sunday of Lent Everyone! I hope your Lent is going well. Thank you for attending our Fish Fry on March 21st. I hope you enjoyed your meal. I am so grateful to have Rich Shutz, Jim Ezzo and Jim and Rosemarie Sisler in the kitchen with me helping me cook. Also, I am grateful for all those that did the prep work, and for our servers for this event. This weekend, Tom Hummer from Archangel Crusade of Love will be speaking after the Masses to invite you to his Holy Face Devotion on Tuesday, March 25th at 7PM in the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for us, you can host Veronica's Veil in your own home! I am so grateful for Tom to be with us. If you attend, you and your family will be given an original, authenticated relic of the Holy Face that was produced by the Vatican in Rome between 1846 and 1933 for a week to offer devotional prayers. When you host an image, you will also receive a booklet, holy cards and special prayers to assist you during your time with Jesus' Holy Face. The testimonies of families who have hosted so far are amazing. If you cannot attend on the 25th, Tom will be back on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7PM. Tom will keep coming to offer presentations on the Holy Face until there is no longer any interest at our parish. Please know, in the pews, there are cards you can fill out to register. You can put the completed registration in the collection basket. March 19th was the Diocesan-wide Night of Confession. If you wanted to go but were unable, please know that April 1st is our Communal Cluster Parish Penance Evening from 6PM to 7:30PM. Stop-in anytime between 6PM and 7:30PM to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have five confessors. Also, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with some beautiful inspiring music by Bob Soeder. Speaking of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, our Tuesday Holy Hour is at 3PM. The holy hour includes the recitation of the Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary. Transitional Deacon, Brian Peters will be here on April 6th at 2PM to offer a talk at a special Lenten Holy Hour. You may remember Deacon Brian lived here briefly during his Christmas break, and he spoke at the masses, sharing his vocation story. Welcome, Deacon Brian! Last weekend, I mentioned we need a new fountain. If you would like to donate to the project, your gift will be sincerely appreciated. The estimated cost for the new fountain is around \$2,500. I also mentioned that Mark would like to redo the area around the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue. Any questions, suggestions or concerns, please see Mark Blase. Mark would sincerely appreciate your input. If you know a landscaper that can help with ideas, please pass the name onto Mark. God bless and have a great week!

PARISH NEWS



As we continue in the Lenten Season, St. Mary Magdalene will be sharing many programs and celebrations for Spiritual growth. Watch the bulletin as we provide activities as you continue your Lenten journey. Events will also be posted at www.smmwillowick.org

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

March 16, 2025

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 6,300.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,099.00

1% Need Program: \$ 355.00

Automatic Giving: March 10th March 16th
\$ 2,183.00

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 28th @ 9:30 am

Friday, April 4th @ 9:30 am

Friday, April 11th @ 9:30 am



Lenten Holy Hours

3:00 pm ~ SMM Church

Tuesday, March 25th

Tuesday, April 1st

Tuesday, April 8th



Please take a Catholic Relief Services Bowl in the Gathering Area. CRS Rice Bowls help us to live out our Catholic faith during Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

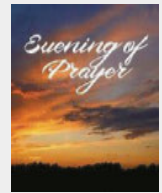
You are asked to bring back your family's Rice Bowl by Holy Week! THANK YOU for changing lives this Lent!

St. Mary Magdalene~Lenten Evenings of Prayer

Monday, March 24th @ 7:00 pm

Monday, March 31st @ 7:00 pm

Monday, April 7th @ 7:00 pm



St. John Vianney

April 8 through May 27, 2025

Tuesday Evenings

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin Tuesday, April 8 and conclude on May 27, 2025, at St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor. The group meets from 6:30-8:30 PM with a caring, trained facilitator. Our goal is to provide a place where we can share support and encouragement while offering direction and guidance for those that are struggling with separation/divorce. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and provide the tools for coping and moving on. For more information or to register, please call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email:

kjubeck@st-gabriel.org

There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

April 12th	Breakfast with the Bunny
April 20th	Easter Sunday
April 26th	1st Communion 4:30 Mass
April 27th	1st Communion 11:00 Mass
May 4th	May Crowning
May 10- 11th	Spring Bake Sale
May 13th	Mass Book Open—2026
May 29-June 1st	Festival
June 8th	Confirmation
August 4-8th	Vacation Bible School



Knights of Columbus is having a Savers Drive. Please drop off any clothing, shoes, purses, linens, etc., to the Parish Office in a garbage bag.

Deadline for drop-off: May 2, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support!!



If you attended SMM's St. Patrick Party on March 8th, two coats were left behind and are in the Parish Office.

Please call the Office at 440-943-2133 to identify

St. Vincent de Paul Society

440-943-2133, ext. 6179

St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to serve those in need on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. We depend on your donations [Food Pantry—1% Envelope or the Poor Box] for the funds that we expend and sincerely thank you on behalf of those in need for your ongoing support. St. Vincent provides emergency assistance to individuals & families in need, on a strictly confidential basis. Anyone in need of assistance should call SVdP, 440-943-2133, ext. 6179 and leave a message. A volunteer member of SVdP will return your call.



LUNCH PACKING

March 24th

The Lunch Packing crew thanks you for your support over the years with this project of helping feed the needy at the West Side Catholic Center. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays from 9:00am to 10:00am to make sandwiches.

Needs: Brown Lunch Bags ~ place donations in SVdP basket in Gathering Area clearly marked, or bring items to the parish office during regular business hours. These brown bag lunches are delivered by volunteers to the West Side Catholic Center to feed the needy.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior:

<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org>

DONATION OF HAMS PLEASE.....



SVdP is collecting hams to share with families for their Easter dinner. If you would be able to donate, please drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!! God's Blessings to you!!

PARTICIPATING

This week at SMM

Sun., March 23rd	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Mon. March 24th	Evening Prayer 7-8:00 pm	Church
Mon., March 24th	Lunch Packing 9-10:00 am	Multi-Purp.
Tues., March 25th	Lenten Holy Hour 3-4:00 pm	Church
Tues., March 25th	Holy Face of Jesus 7-8:30 pm	Church
Wed., March 26th	K of C Officers Meeting 6--8:00 pm	Multi-Purp.
Thur., March 27th	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., March 27th	Choir Practice 7-9:00 pm	Church



The Jesuit Retreat Center offers many spiritual programs during the month of April. For a list of thir offerings email at the address below.

April 2025 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats
Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Magdalene Church

Gym

32114 Vine Street

Willowick, OH 44095

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30 am ~ 2:00 pm

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code:

Magdalene or call

1-800-RED-CROSS

The Spring Spirit Drive is here! Listen in on **Tuesday, March 25th through Friday, March 28th** and join Debbie Georgianni, Chaplain Father Doug Brown, The Rock team, and other surprise guests as we *Celebrate 10 Years of Catholic Radio!* As a listener-supported lay apostolate, the station relies on contributions to continue to offer Rock solid Catholic programming. Tune in for great premiums, hourly drawings, and much more. You don't have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support Catholic radio. Visit www.am1260therock.com and click on the orange "Donate Now" tab in the upper right corner or call us at 216-227-1260. Catholic radio has changed lives and converted hearts. Thank you for your generous support!!

33rd Annual Homecoming Festival – May 29 – June 1, 2025

Volunteer Opportunities

We need everyone's help to make our Homecoming Festival successful! Please consider volunteering in one or more of these areas:

- Beer Tent (21 and over)
- Chinese Auction
- At Entrances ~ ID checker & Wristband Workers
- Food Tent (cashiers and servers)
- Kitchen (dishwasher)
- Kids Carnival Games
- Main Raffle Ticket Sales
- Monte Carlo
- Sideboards
- Outside Money Wheel

Please complete and return the Volunteer Form which can be found in your Festival Mailing Packet.



PARISH NEWS

For more information contact Stacey Polasko at the Parish Office 440-943-2133.

Saint Mary Magdalene Presents:

LEGO

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August 4th - 8th
9 am - 12 pm
 Ages: 4 years - 5th grade

Culminating Celebration and Social
 Friday August 8th @ 7pm - Gym

SMM Families in Faith and Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for

BREAKFAST

With The
EASTER BUNNY

Open to all families
 Egg Hunt Participants Ages 2 - 10yrs
 April 12th: 9:30 - 11am
 SMM Gym and Grove

Crafts Prizes
 Food Fun

A Goodwill Offering Will Be Graciously Accepted.

Joshua 24.15 states "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." The Knights of Columbus promote a family first household that will serve the Lord in everything we do. Do you want to continue on that journey with us and be a part of that?



Go to kofc.org and click on on Join Us.
 For more information contact Tom Master-son (Magnificat Council #4498 at (440) 487-0467,

Come join others who have lost someone they love.
 Don't be left out in the rain.
 Join us as we share a **Common Bond!**



Saturday, March 29 in the parish hall
3:00-3:45pm Social 3:45pm Dinner
5:00pm—Mass at St. Justin Martyr

Donation \$10.00

We will share our grief as we learn to laugh with others.

RSVP to BETH at beth@stjustin.net or 440-946-1177 Ext. 105



by Wednesday, March 26 list food allergies

You do not have to be a member of St. Justin Martyr Church 35781 Stevens Blvd. Eastlake, 44095

On Saturday, March 8th, we celebrated our annual St. Patrick's Party to raise scholarship money in memory of Frankie O'Hara a SMM student who drowned in the late 60's. Money is awarded to SMM eighth grader/s attending an area Catholic Elementary school and will be furthering their education at a Catholic High School. The party was a tremendous success and money will be awarded to student/s who apply for the scholarship. Applications will be sent to qualifying 8th graders that choose to participate in the process.

Many thanks to a terrific committee for their commitment to this fundraiser and to all our donors for their generosity: *Briardale Golf Course, Crowley's, Dino's, Fiona's, I Crochet Anything, Jakubs-Waite Funeral Home, Magnolia Blossom, Malta Family, Manning & Claire Attorneys, Mickey's Ice Cream, Nora's, Rudy's Meats, Sol and Wild Goose ~ THANK YOU!!!*

SACRAMENTS

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Baptism

The Infant Baptismal Preparation Process assists parents with newborns through age 6 to understand the basic theology of the Sacrament & realize the responsibilities that come with the baptism of their child. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. Children between the ages of 7 & 17 who are interested in being welcomed into the Roman Catholic faith should contact the parish office ~ 440-943-2133.

First Communion

Children between the ages of 7 & 17 who would like to receive First Holy Communion must participate in preparation classes. For more information, contact Fr. Steve Breck at 440-943-2133.

Confirmation

Youth begin direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of their 8th grade year, but they must have been in Catholic Day School or PSR for AT LEAST one year prior. If you are interested in finding out more, you can call or email Fr. Steve Breck at FrBreck@smmwillowick.org or (440) 943-2133.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a preparation time of at least six months. Please contact Fr. Breck for information.

Anointing of the Sick

All parishioners who are seriously ill, advanced in years, or facing serious surgery are welcome to receive the Sacrament by contacting Fr. Steve or by attending a communal anointing service, held twice per year. Children are to be anointed if they have the sufficient use of reason (age 7) to be strengthened by this Sacrament.

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